

Report of Operative G T Purdy

Re: Jane Gibson & Bob Erling

Interview: Frederick Hort and grand daughter Miss Oliver.

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GTP/Hort

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Interviewed Mr. Hort at his home in Brookside Terrace. He stated that Bob Erling never lived with him. He knows Erling and his whole family, and stated that Erling is a heavy drinker. He did not know much about Erling being friendly with Mrs. Gibson. Mr. Hort's son, Frederick, who at present is working for the Sandura Co. in Paulshora, N.J. used to run around with Erling and Willie Easton and was in the Army with Bob Erling. Mr. Hort stated that his son used to go to the Gibson place to see Willie Easton as they were friends. Operative asked him if he knew Stumpy Gilliland and he replied that he knew him well and that Stumpy lived in a shack in back of his house until about 8 years ago when Mrs. Gibson purchased the house from Stumpy and she and the boy moved it to her place. He remembered that Gilliland was in the circus before he had the road house and that a woman named Steward lived there with him.

Operative showed him the picture of Anna King, but he could not recall the face. Mr. Hort stated that his daughter who is Mrs. Charles Oliver and lives in Milltown on Kalthaw Ave. might be able to give some information about Bob Erling and Stumpy Gilliland. Her daughter, who is 14 years of age is living at the Hort home at present and stated that at one time Bob Erling tried to induce her to take a ride with him, but she refused.

Mr. Hort further stated that his son, Fred is coming into New Brunswick Sunday and operative might be able to see him then. Mr. Hort also stated that he heard of the Waller girl having some trouble with a Mrs. Sulem who gave her a beating. Operative left saying he would be back Sunday to interview Fred and Mrs. Hort.

Respectfully submitted:

G.T.P.